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Surface Transportation Board
Attn: STB Ex Parte No. 670
393 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Dear Sir:

Consistent with previous comments provided, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) is pleased with the Surface Transportation Board's decision to establish a Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC). TVA is the largest wholesale public power system in the United States with a set of fossil fuel generation assets that consume approximately 45 million tons of coal per year. The cost of coal and the associated transportation represent more than 20 percent of TVA's annual expenditures. Therefore, having an opportunity to provide advice and guidance to the STB regarding transportation by rail of energy resources is considered important to the interests of TVA.

In accordance with the STB decision document (STB Ex Parte No. 670), the Tennessee Valley Authority nominates Jacky D. Preslar, General Manager of Fuel Supply, for one of the RETAC positions that are designated for a representative of the electric utility industry. Mr. Preslar has more than 30 years' experience in the electric utility industry with the last five years focused in fuel supply, coal, and transportation.

TVA believes that Mr. Preslar's background makes him a very good candidate to make a significant contribution to the RETAC. If he is selected as a member of RETAC, he has agreed to serve a two-year term and understands that the STB will not provide any honoraria, salary, or travel (or per diem) reimbursement for his services.

If there are any questions concerning this nomination or if the Board desires more information about Mr. Preslar's background, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Van M. Wardlaw

Enclosure

JACKY D. PRESLAR

QUALIFICATION SUMMARY

More than thirty (30) years of diverse experience in the electric power industry. Specific experience in the areas of power plant design, construction, operations, business management, project management, procurement, and fuel supply.

EDUCATION

Masters of Engineering, Civil Engineering - Texas A&M University (1978)
Bachelor of Science, Engineering Technology - Texas A&M University (1974)

A number of short courses presented by such institutions as Darden School of Business, Harvard University, George Washington University, Center for Creative Leadership, TVA University, and Vanderbilt University.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

January 2002 to Present

General Manager, Fuel Supply - TVA

Responsible for the oversight of the fuel supply chain for TVA, principally coal and fuel oil. Assures adequate supplies of coal and fuel oil are provided to TVA's Coal and Combustion Turbine Electric Generating Plants. Annual budget approximately \$2 billion. During this tenure also had responsibility for the overall operations and maintenance of the coal yard and by-products facilities at TVA's eleven fossil plants.

October 1999 to January 2002 **TVA**

General Manager, Maintenance & Testing Services -

Responsible for overall direction for operation and maintenance for TVA's Central Laboratories, Power Service Shops (Turbine, Generator, and Electric Motor Maintenance and Rebuild Services), and Heavy Equipment Division (Equipment Fleet Management, Tools Management, and Projects). All services were zero budget / cost reimbursable.

March 1997 to October 1999 **TVA**

General Manager, Fossil Operations, Western Region -

Responsible for the overall operation, maintenance, and strategic direction for six (6) fossil generating plants in the TVA western region representing approximately 9,250 megawatts of generating capacity.

October 1993 to March 1997

General Manager, Fossil & Hydro Business Services - TVA

Responsible for the oversight and direction for all business functions within Fossil and Hydro Power including Labor & Services Contracting, Financial Services, Business Planning, Modification Services, Administrative Support Services, Total Quality, and Special Business Projects.

July 1991 to October 1993 **Power -TVA**

Manager, Labor & Services Contracts, Fossil & Hydro

Responsible for all aspects of Labor and Services Contracting within Fossil & Hydro Power organization.

PROFESSION EXPERIENCE (continued)

April 1989 to July 1991

Manager, Special Projects, Nuclear Power - TVA

Responsibilities undertaken included Acting Manager of Nuclear Materials (9 months), redesign of Browns Ferry Engineering organization (3 months), Reactivation of Bellefonte Nuclear Plant design and construction (17 months).

July 1986 to April 1989

Manager, Management Services, Nuclear Construction - TVA

Responsible for oversight and direction of business functions within Nuclear Construction Division including Information Services, Financial Services, Project Controls, and Administrative Services.

March 1986 to July 1986

Independent Management Consultant - Nuclear Power Industry

Provided management consulting services to review the prudence of a utilities practices in the planning, scheduling, and cost control of the design and construction of a two unit nuclear plant.

February 1976 to March 1986

Field and Central Office, Cost & Scheduling - TVA

Various positions within the TVA organizations from the field level to corporate oversight in the field of cost and scheduling engineering.

OTHER AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Member, TVA Sarbanes-Oxley Steering Committee

Working Group Member, TVA Financial Risk Committee

Past Facilitator & Steering Committee Member, TVA STAR 7 Program

Past Member, Board of Executive Advisors, University of Tennessee Chattanooga, School of Business

Past Director, American Association of Cost Engineers, East Tennessee Chapter

Past Member, TVA Capital Review Panel - Fossil & Hydro Representative

Team Leader on Development of TVA's Contracting Decision Model